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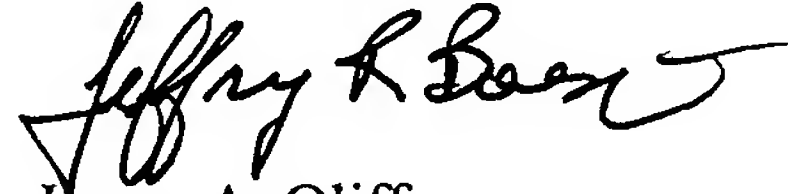
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- ☒ 7. Reference 1 corresponds to reference 6. Reference 2 corresponds to reference 7. Reference 3 corresponds to reference 8. Reference 4 corresponds to reference 11.
- ☒ 8. Reference 11 is the publication number Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-341279, which is cited in the specification.
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